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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

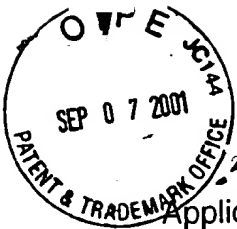
The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- The Claim(s) commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.75(h)).
- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed August 24, 2001, in connection with the above identified application, please find enclosed four sheets of formal drawings. Also enclosed is a substitute specification wherein the claims commence on a separate sheet.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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